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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPO, MARR, PO

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE USAFE USE OF BEJA AIR BASE IN PORTUGAL

AMEMB LONDON FOR MACDONALD. PLEASE PASS TO MCGIFFERT AND  
GLITMAN

1. WE HAVE SEEN PRESS STORIES REPORTING ALLEGED U.S.  
INTEREST IN USING BEJA AIR BASE IN PORTUGAL AND SUGGESTING  
THERE WILL BE ARRANGEMENTS FOR USE OF BEJA IDENTICAL  
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WITH THOSE FOR LAJES.

2. STATE-DOD HAVE NOT YET REVIEWED ANY PROPOSALS FOR U.S.  
USE OF BEJA AIR BASE, AD THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISION  
TO REQUEST PERMISSION FOR SUCH USE. WE ARE NOT NOW  
PLANNING ANY FORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PORTUGUESE  
OR GERMANS ON BEJA. FYI: THE USAF IS CONSIDERING

REQUESTING STATE-DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED  
WITH A DETAILED FEASIBILITY STUDY ON SHARING THE USE  
OF BEJA UNDER NATO AUSPICES. IF USAF PROCEEDS WITH  
SUCH A REQUEST, BONN, USNATO AND LISBON WILL BE ASKED TO  
COMMENT. END FYI.

3. IN VIEW OF RECENT PUBLICITY RE BEJSAITY RE BEJA  
AND THE IMPACT THIS COULD HAVE ON OTHER

U.S. INTERESTS, INCLUDING RENEWAL OF OUR AZORES BASE  
RIGHTS, POSTS AND COMMANDS SHOULD NOT DISCUSS BEJA  
WITH FOREIGN NATIONALS WITHOUT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

4. THIS IS A JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE. CHRISTOPHER

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